

Art Unit: 3749

Dear Mr. Munday:

Pursuant to our conversation today as to the proper correction of the transposed lines in claim 1, it has been discovered that claim 15 is considered to be anticipated by Morris, patent No. 5,947,817 (see Figure 16). The below suggested amendment to claim 15 is considered to overcome the Morris reference. Also, in claim 1, line 13, there is no antecedent basis for "said passages". Claim 8, there is no nexus between the cover filter and the elements of the claim. Changes have been proposed below to correct these claims also.

Please review the below and get back with me at your earliest convenience.

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Proposed Amendment

In claim 1, line 2, the transposed portion, "expose ... id" has been corrected to read -- exposed to the environment, comprising: upper and lower outer surfaces, said -- ; and line 13, "passages" has been changed to -- channels --.

In claim 8, line 1, -- extending across said channels -- has been inserted after "filter".

In claim 15, lines 9 and 10, "said lift end ... an opening," has been deleted; and line 14, device" has been changed top -- lower outer surface --.